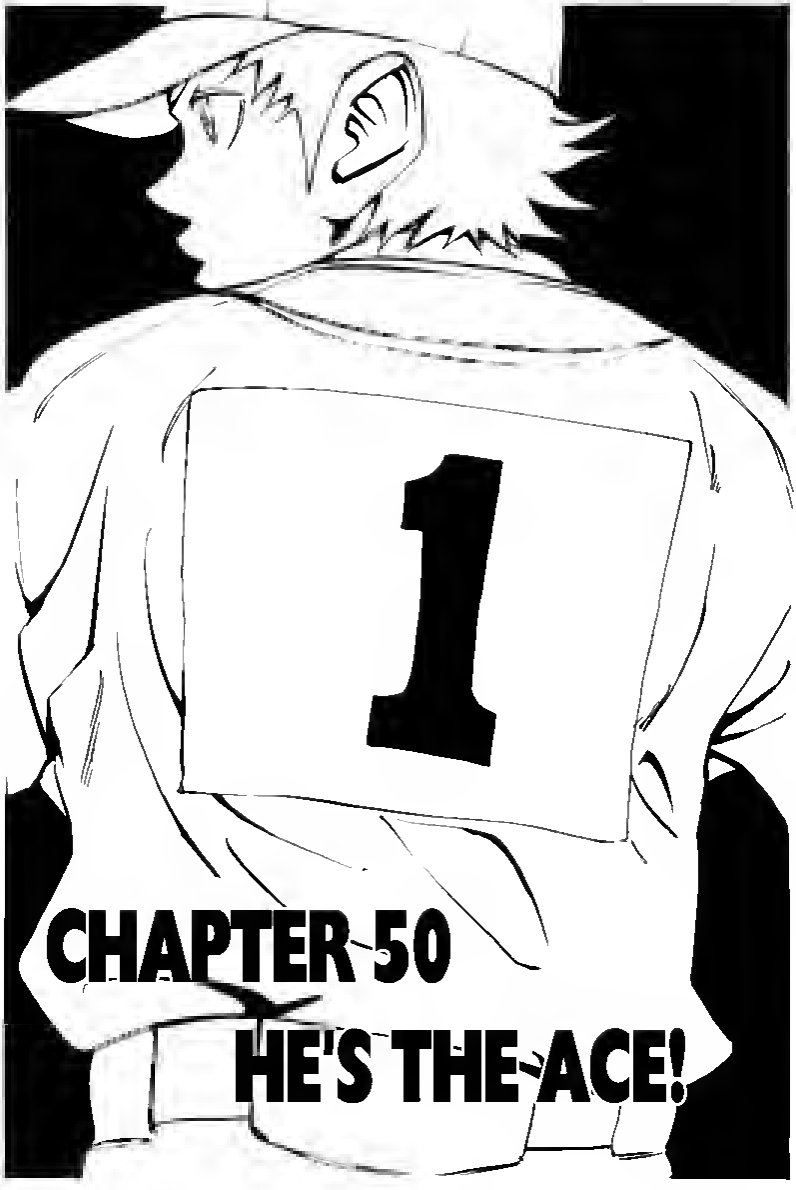

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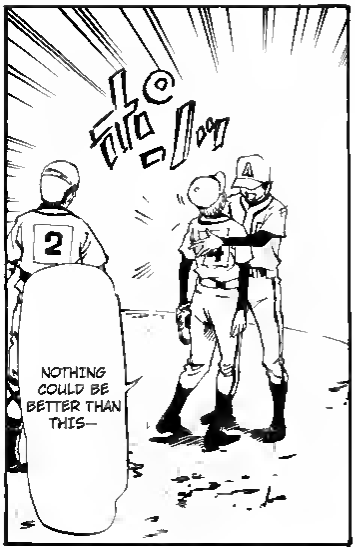
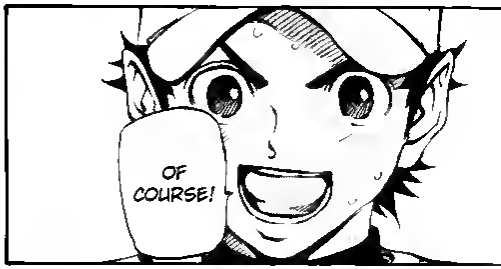
HE'S THE ACE!


NOTHING COULD BE BETTER THAN THIS—

KOU-TAROU
WE WILL PULL THROUGH THIS TO-GETHER
THIS LONG SUMMER


OF COURSE!

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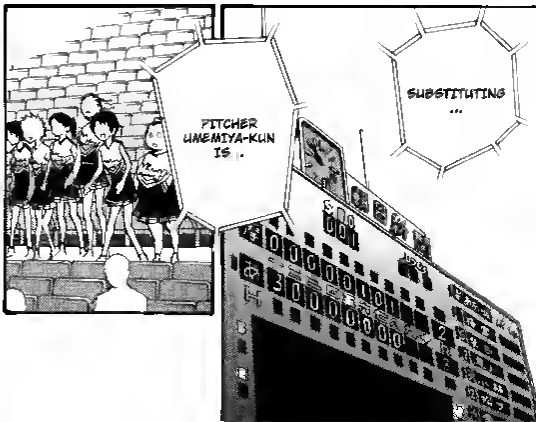
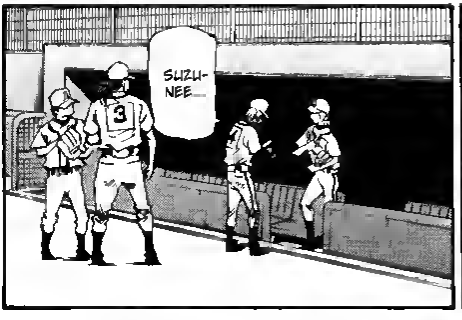

PITCHER UMEMIYA-KUN IS .
SUBSTITUTING ...

KITAOUJI-KUN.

KOU-TAROU!
IT'S UP TO YOU...
LET'S GO!


SUZU-
NEE...

SORRY ABOUT THAT, YOU HAVE TO DEFEND 2ND BASE, WE CAN'T LET YOU REST YET...

BUT...I'M SORRY THAT I COULDN'T LAST TILL THE END.
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME PITCH...

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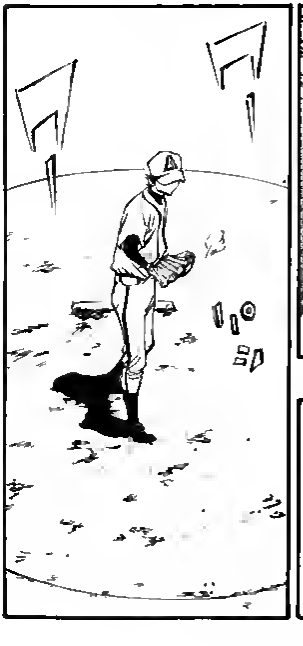

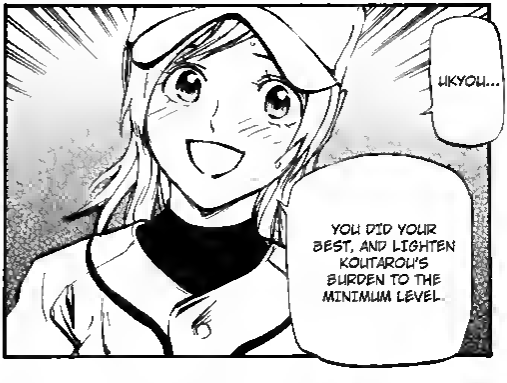
UKYOU...
YOU DID YOUR BEST, AND LIGHTEN KOUTAROU'S BURDEN TO THE MINIMUM LEVEL.

I DO NOT WANT LIKYOU'S EFFORTS
TO GO TO WASTE
JUST 2 PLAYERS LEFT...
8TH BATTER IS RIGHT OUTFIELDER ISHIBASHI-KUN.
I WILL DEFINITELY END THIS MATCH!

DO YOUR BEST, ISHIBASHI!
ISHIBASHI! ISHIBASHI!
HE'S FINALLY PITCHING
6
CAN THAT ACE PITCHER PITCH?
ISN'T THAT A PROBLEM FOR HIM?
YOU'RE LATE, KOSHIEN NUMBER 1!
KOSHIEN NUMBER 1?

8
EVEN SO, WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.
LOOKS LIKE KITAOUJI IS NOT IN TOP SHAPE!
IF THAT'S THE CASE,
THERE'S NO REASON FOR THAT EXHAUSTED UKYOU TO KEEP IT GOING TILL NOW...

BECAUSE THAT GUY IS THE ACE PITCHER

THE REAL MATCH BEGINS RIGHT NOW!
WE HAVE TO TURN THINGS AROUND WITH THAT SINGLE POINT!
9TH INNING, 1 OUT, 1ST AND 3RD BASE LOADED.

A STEAL
OR A SQUEEZE PLAY...

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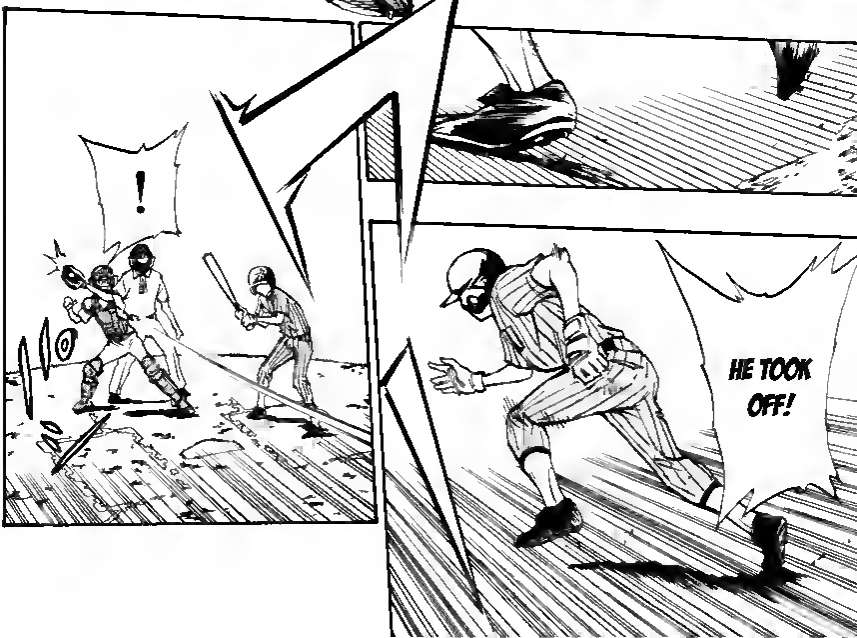
HIBA K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HE TOOK OFF!

3RD BASE IS NOW...
A STEAL?
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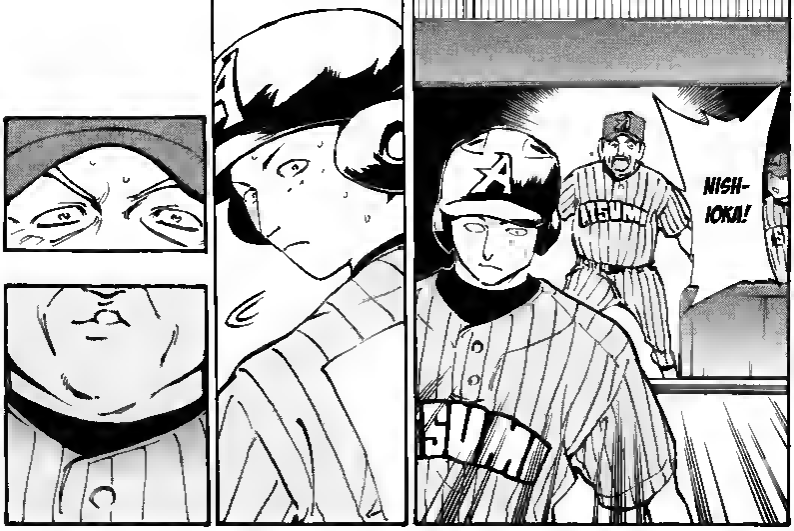
THE OPPONENT HAS SEEN THROUGH THE PITCHER'S INTENTION TO PITCH A FOUL TO PREVENT A SQUEEZE PLAY
BUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING A SQUEEZE PLAY IS HIGH, IT CAN'T BE HELPED EVEN IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO DEFEND AGAINST IT
ALRIGHT, 2ND BASE STOLEN!
1 OUT, 2ND AND 3RD BASE LOADED!
AT THIS MOMENT, THE CATCHER STOOD UP!

WALK THE PLAYER!
IN AN ALL BASE LOADED SITUATION, YOU CAN SEAL THEM OFF EVEN WITHOUT SEALING OFF THE RUNNERS.
IT'S EASIER THAN GUARDING 2ND AND 3RD BASES
AH— WHY?
SO THIS IS THE "FULL BASE STRATEGY"
10
BUT...
IT'S A RISK AT THE SAME TIME.

ONE OUT,
ALL BASES LOADED!
SUCH AN AVERAGE STRATEGY
THE COACH AND THE CATCHER ARE TOO YOUNG...
RASHLY TRYING TO DECIDE THE OUTCOME...
BUT I'VE SEEN IT!
THE PATH TOWARDS VICTORY!
CLOSELY LINKED TO 1ST BATTER KEIJI!

MAKE THEM REGRET USING THAT STRATEGY!
NISHIOKA! A CHANCE, A GREAT CHANCE!
SURE WIN!
A SURE WIN FOR US!
NO NEED FOR A PINCH HITTER
AND HE'S IN TOP SHAPE
NISHIOKA IS OUR ACE PITCHER

AT LEAST WE STILL HAVE KEIJI!
IF WE CAN'T DECIDE THE OUTCOME...
THE WORST CASE SCENARIO WOULD BE A BRUTAL DOUBLE KILL GAME END.
AT THIS POINT, LET NISHIOKA DECIDE THE OUTCOME...
THE BEST ENDING IS TO CHANGE OUR LOSS INTO VICTORY.
9TH BATTER IS PITCHER NISHIOKA-KUN.


NISH-
IOKA!

SWING WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT.
IT'S UP TO YOU!

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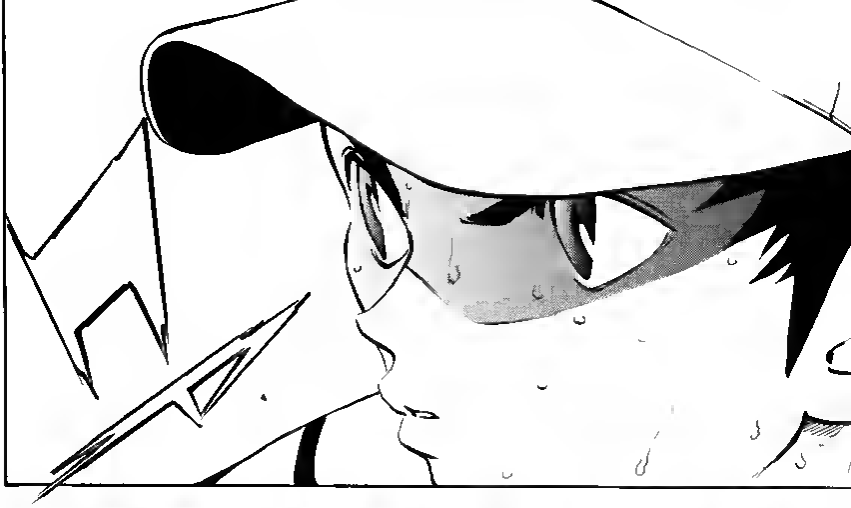
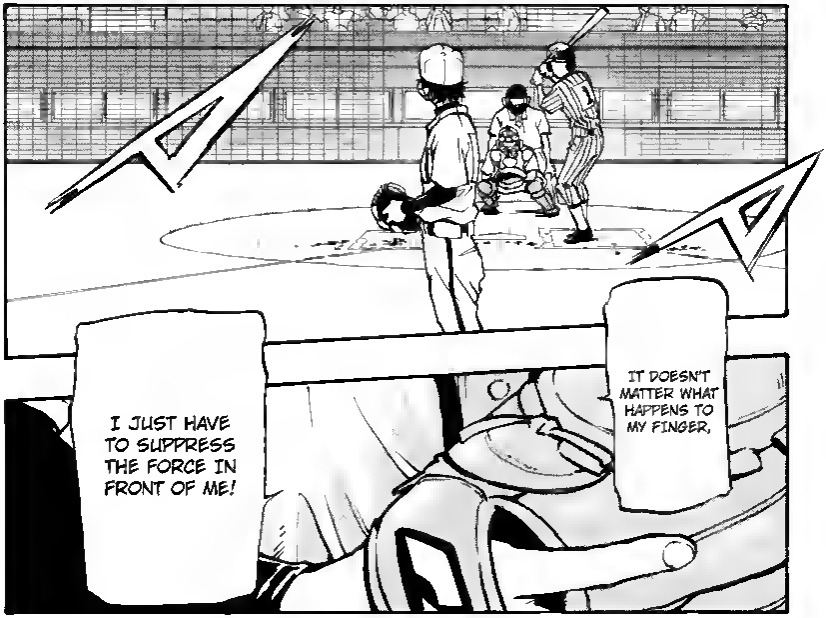
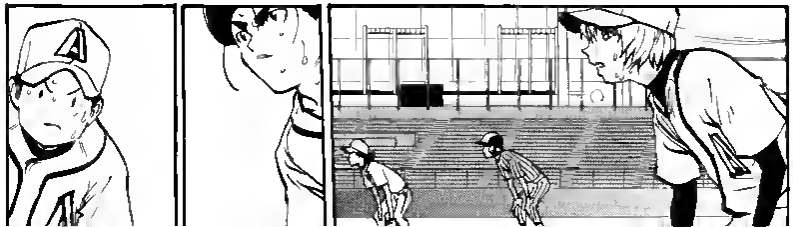
WHEW
IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT LIKE THIS
IF I HAD ACCIDENTALLY SHOWN THEM MY WRINKLED EXPRESSION LIKE LAST TIME...
RIGHT!




I JUST HAVE TO SUPPRESS THE FORCE IN FRONT OF ME!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO MY FINGER,



IF I DON'T DO MY BEST, HOW AM I THE ACE PITCHER!
ALSO, EVERYONE HOPES FOR ME TO PITCH MY BEST!
THEN I WILL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT!

STRIKE, BATTER OUT!
2 OUTS!

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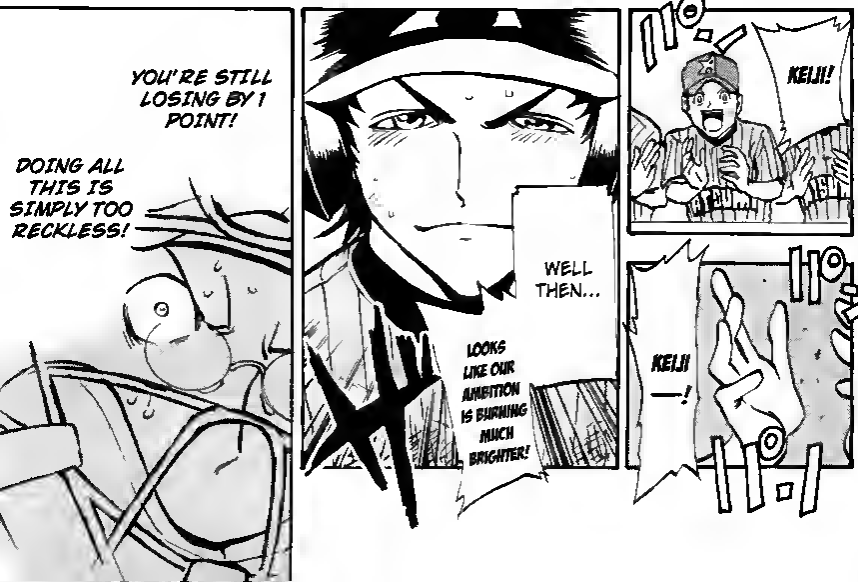
KEIJI!
I WANT TO PITCH IN THE 2ND HALF OF 9TH INNING
NISHI
NISH-IOKA
HAH
YOU'RE AN IDIOT
SO HE DIDN'T MOVE?
TO PREVENT HIMSELF FROM BECOMING THE LAST BATTER...
THAT'S ABSURD!


YOU'RE STILL LOSING BY 1 POINT!
DOING ALL THIS IS SIMPLY TOO RECKLESS!
WELL THEN...
LOOKS LIKE OUR AMBITION IS BURNING MUCH BRIGHTER!
KEIJI!
KEIJI —!

THIS MAN... NAMED KUBO KEIJI...!
HIS TEAM-MATES TRUST HIM TO THAT EXTENT?
I DEFINITELY WON'T LOSE!

A next volume notice!

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